


<b>State of Ohio</b> <b>HP-26 10-0157-00 Rev. 08/01/2003</b>		CAD Number: <b>LHP130804001039</b>		INCIDENT NUMBER <b>13 412011 0900</b>		INCIDENT TYPE <b>Incident</b>							
NATURE CODE: <b>120 Suicide</b>		CLEARANCE CODE: <input type="checkbox"/>		COMPLETION DATE : <b>9/23/2013</b>		A DEATH OF OFFENDER B PROSECUTION DECLINED C EXTRADITION DECLINED D VICTIM REFUSED TO COOPERATE E JUVENILE / NO CUSTODY F ARREST - ADULT  G ARREST - JUVENILE H WARRANT ISSUED I INVESTIGATION PENDING J CLOSED K UNFOUNDED U UNKNOWN Z COLD CASE							
GEO CODE: <b>Rehabilitation and Correction, Ohio Department of</b> Detailed GEO Code: <b>Chillicothe Correctional Institution</b>				CLEARANCE DATE/TIME		CLEARED BY							
TOD: TOA:		SPECIAL SECTION: <b>Investigative Services</b>		<b>Ohio State Highway Patrol</b> <b>Initial Incident Report</b>									
REPORT DATE / TIME				INCIDENT OCCURED FROM				INCIDENT OCCURED TO					
MONTH	DAY	YEAR	TIME	MONTH	DAY	YEAR	TIME	MONTH	DAY	YEAR	TIME		
8	4	2013	05:30	8	4	2013	04:09	8	4	2013	05:03		
COUNTY: <b>Ross County</b>				FIPS Code: <b>(70898) Scioto (Township of)</b>									
INCIDENT LOCATION / REF PT. (Street, Apt, City, State, Zip): <b>15802 SR-104 North, P.O. Box 5500, Chillicothe, Ohio - 45601</b>				LATITUDE <b>39:22:08.90</b>		LONGITUDE <b>83:00:19.61</b>		K9 USED		TYPE OF SEARCH:			
<b>TYPE CRIMINAL ACTIVITY</b>													
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<b>LOCATION OF THE OFFENSE</b>										<b>LARCENY TYPE</b>			
<b>RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE</b>  01 Single Family Home 02 Multiple Dwelling 03 Residential Facility 04 Other Residential 05 Garage / Shed		<b>COMMERCIAL LOCATIONS</b>  15 Auto Shop 16 Financial Institution 17 Barber / Beauty Shop 18 Hotel / Motel 19 Dry Cleaners / Laundry 20 Professional Office 21 Doctor's Office 22 Other Business Office 23 Amusement Center 24 Rental Storage Facility 25 Other Commercial Service		32 Clothing Store 33 Drug Store 34 Liquor Store 35 Shopping Mall 36 Sporting Goods 37 Grocery / Supermarket 38 Variety / Convenience 39 Department Store 40 Other Retail Store 41 Factory / Mill / Plant 42 Other Building		51 Public Transit Vehicle 52 Other Outside Location  53 Abandoned/Condemned Structure 54 Amusement Park 55 Arena/Stadium/Fairgrounds/Coliseum 56 Atm Machine Separate From Bank 57 Camp/Campground 58 Cargo Container 59 Daycare Facility 60 Dock/Wharf/Freight/Modal Terminal 61 Farm Facility 62 Gambling Facility/Casino/Race Track 63 Military Installation 64 Rest Area 65 Shelter-Mission/Homeless 66 Tribal Lands 67 Library 77 Other Location		23A Pocket Picking 23B Purse Snatching 23C Shoplifting 23D Theft from building 23E Theft from Coin-Op Machine 23F Theft from Motor Vehicle 23G Motor Vehicle Parts/Access 24O Theft of Motor Vehicle 23H Other					
<b>PUBLIC ACCESS BUILDING</b>  06 Transit Facility 07 Government Office 08 School 09 College 10 Church 11 Hospital 12 Jail/Prison 13 Parking Garage 14 Other Public Access		<b>RETAIL</b>  26 Bar 27 Buy / Sell / Trade Shop 28 Restaurant 29 Gas Station 30 Auto Sales Lot 31 Jewelry Store		<b>OUTSIDE</b>  43 Yard 44 Construction Site 45 Lake / Waterway 46 Field / Woods 47 Street 48 Parking Lot 49 Park / Playground 50 Cemetery		<b>SUSPECTED OF USING</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> ALCOHOL <input type="checkbox"/> DRUGS <input type="checkbox"/> COMPUTER EQUIP <input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPLICABLE  <input type="checkbox"/> CARGO THEFT							
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No. Premises Entered													
TYPE OF WEAPON FORCE :													
REQUESTING AGENCY:													
REPORTING OFFICER: <b>Trooper Sherri E Wells</b>								UNIT NUMBER: <b>0405</b>		DATE: <b>8/4/2013</b>			
APPROVING OFFICER: <b>Sergeant Michael V Maughmer</b>								UNIT NUMBER: <b>1533</b>		DATE: <b>8/6/2013</b>			



## Ohio State Highway Patrol Initial Incident Summary

INCIDENT NO. 13 412011 0900	REPORT DATE / TIME 8/4/2013 05:30	PHOTO POUCH NO. 40-07193
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### Incident Summary

It is suspected that victim #1, a CCI inmate, committed suicide by hanging.

Reporting Officer: Trooper Sherri E Wells	Unit No: 0405	Date: 8/4/2013
Approving Officer: Sergeant Michael V Maughmer	Unit No: 1533	Date: 8/6/2013



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**REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**  
Victim/Reportee/Witness Report

INCIDENT NUMBER <b>13 412011 0900</b>
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VICTIM	NO.1	VICTIM TYPE: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individual <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Institution <input type="checkbox"/> Police Officer (In The Line Of Duty) <input type="checkbox"/> Society / Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Religious Organization <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Trooper <input type="checkbox"/> State Agency								
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Victim <input type="checkbox"/> Witness <input type="checkbox"/> Reportee		NAME (Last, First, Middle): <b>Slagle Billy</b>							
	ADDRESS(Street, Apt, City,State, Zip): <b>CCI # 203172, 15802 SR 104, Chillicothe, OH - 45601</b>								PHONE #: <b>(740) 774-7080</b>	
	OCCUPATION: <b>Inmate</b>				STATE EMPLOYEE: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		SSN: [REDACTED]			
	RESIDENTIAL STATUS: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resident <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Tourist <input type="checkbox"/> Not Reported <input type="checkbox"/> Student <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown				STATEMENT OBTAINED TYPE: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Written <input type="checkbox"/> Oral <input type="checkbox"/> Taped <input type="checkbox"/> Other					
	AGE / DOB <b>45 / 12/30/1968</b>		GENDER <b>M</b>	RACE : <b>White, Non-Hispanic Origin</b>			HEIGHT FROM - TO <b>6ft</b>	WEIGHT FROM - TO <b>180</b>	HAIR <b>Black</b>	EYES <b>Brown</b>
	EMPLOYER NAME & ADDRESS								PHONE #:	
	VICTIM <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO INJURED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES		IF INJURED, DESCRIBE INJURIES: <b>1) 2) 3) 4) 5)</b>			VICTIM DECEASED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		VICTIM WITNESS REFERRAL INFO <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		TYPE OF REFERRAL
	AGG. ASLT / HOMICIDE CIR : <b>1)</b>					<b>2)</b>				
	VICTIM/SUSPECT RELATIONSHIP :					VICTIM OFFENSE LINK :				
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My signature verifies that the information on this report is accurate and true								DATE :		

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**Investigator Unit No:** 0405

**Officer Name:** Trooper Sherri E Wells

Trooper Wells was contacted by CCI Captain Steve Jenkins and advised that a death row inmate was just found hanging in his cell at 0503hrs, was cut down, and CPR started immediately. CPR is still being done and the inmate will be going out to Adena Hospital by squad, but nurses advised he has not responded to life saving measures at this time. The scene is being secured and will be held until Tpr. Wells arrives. Captain Jenkins further advised this inmate is set for an execution date this coming Wednesday and executive staff was already at CCI to move him from the death row unit to the segregation area for the required 72 hour watch prior to execution. Unit staff was doing rounds for the 5am count and CO Putnam found the inmate hanging in his cell and set off his alarm for assistance. The inmate reportedly used a belt to hang himself. I advised that I would respond to Adena Hospital first and then to CCI and for them to secure everything until it could be processed.

At 0554hrs Trooper Wells called Captain Jenkins back for an update and was advised the squad was leaving the rear gate at this time with CPR still in progress.

At 0623hrs Trooper Wells arrived at Adena Hospital and met Deputy Warden Mark Hooks going into the Emergency Room. Upon arrival to the ER room, no life saving measures were being performed on the inmate. Adena ER staff advised the death was pronounced at 0611hrs by Dr. Sandlin. Mark Hooks advised the prison staff of the pronounced death. The Coroner had not been contacted yet so Tpr. Wells left a message on the phone for Coroner's Investigator Mike Ratliff and also called the Coroner's answering service and advised of the death and was informed that Mike Ratliff was the on call responder for this and they would notify him as well.

Escorting CCI Officers Anthony Spaniol, Zachary Ward, and Lt. Devin Jackson advised Pickaway Plains was the transport squad. They also gave me the escape flyer they possessed so the inmates identification was obtained. This inmate is Billy Slagle, #203172, DOB: 12-30-1968, SSN: [REDACTED] 180lbs, white male, with black hair and brown eyes, incarcerated from Cuyahoga County for Aggravated Murder, Aggravated Burglary, and Aggravated Robbery. The description and picture from the flyer matches the appearance of this inmate. Trooper Wells took photos of the body and the injury to the neck which appears to be consistent with the reported belt that was used. The abrasion on the neck was approximately 1 inch wide and was around both sides and the front of the neck. No other injuries were observed. CCI Warden Norm Robinson arrived at Adena ER.

At 0655hrs Mike Ratliff arrived at the Adena ER and was briefed on the known facts of the case. He began photographing and advised that he would take the body to the morgue and sign the release from CCI staff. He advised the autopsy would likely be done Monday morning. At 0705hrs Tpr. Wells left to respond to CCI.

At CCI, Trooper Wells was briefed by the warden and staff on this incident. The noted times for the last time inmate Slagle was seen alive was during the 4:09am rounds and the time of the alarm call was at 5:03am. CO Putnam was reported to have been the officer that observed inmate Slagle hanging in his cell and called for assistance. Tpr. Wells was given a copy of the three page suicide note that was observed and collected by Lt. Shoemaker from the inmates cell during the rescue attempt. It was also stated that next of kin has not been notified due to the phone numbers listed in the inmate file are now invalid numbers.

In summary, the suicide note is addressed to "to whom it concerns" and was signed by "Billy Slagle A203-172". The opening sentence is "It is perfectly clear that I have committed suicide by hanging myself". He writes "the

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situation is inevitable and he is taking his destiny into his own hands, the 26 year process is torture, the execution was not going to be entertainment or a kind of Broadway show, his family the prosecutor and Ms. Popes family were not asking for this execution, and his debt is paid in full". In this letter Slagle gives details of what to do with his body and his property, claims Ohio had no mercy on him, talks about his charges, that he has to forfeit his life but Ariel Castro avoids the death penalty, he states the death penalty is inconsistent and arbitrary, and his final paragraph is an apology to his loved ones.

Tpr. Wells monitored the inmate phone system for the last calls made by the inmate and for possible phone numbers for next of kin notification. The last two calls made on Saturday night 8-03-13 were at 11:39pm to 216-624-1543 and 9:02pm to 216-924-0266. The dialed numbers were given to the warden's office and they were able to make notification to Lisa Craft at 0845hrs. The last two phone calls are normal conversations that appear to be family members and there is no mention of the suicide or the upcoming execution. He does state that he has tried to call people all day and only gotten voice mails. His phone list does show numerous calls both connected and not connected.

Tpr. Wells went to Death Row 3 to inmate Slagle's cell 305A, which was secured and an officer was sitting outside the door. Medical supplies had been left and secured in the room when medical staff left with the inmate and they were requesting to retrieve them as soon as possible. Photographs were taken of the room, of the belt that was used for the hanging, and of inmate Slagle's property that was neatly packed away with a complete written inventory of his belongings. The belt was removed by Lt. Shoemaker and photographed after removal. Lt. Shoemaker is 6' 4" and stood on the bed where the belt was and Lt. Collier who had been on scene stated the inmate's head was at about the same level as Lt. Shoemaker was standing. From this it would appear that inmate Slagle being 6' 01" would not have been able to touch the bed while hanging. It also appears that inmate Slagle used the end of the bed and or metal tray attached at the end of the bed to stand on to reach and affix the black nylon belt and black shoestring to the conduit on the wall and also to reach the loop of the belt to place it around his neck. The belt and shoestring was removed from the cell and turned over to the warden to be secured in his vault. The cell was released at 0903hrs for medical to obtain their supplies first and then for pack up and clean up by CCI staff.

Tpr. Wells went to the warden's office and received a copy of the time line that CCI staff created and is part of their investigation. The alarm was at 5:03am and immediate responding staff was Lts. Hester, Netter, Collier, Shoemaker, Blakeslee, and Captain Silvers was in the unit by 5:04 and RN K. Rhoades was there by 5:05am. At 5:10 the squad was called. Major Wells and DWO Mark Hooks were also in the unit. The squad arrived at 5:23hrs and paramedics were in DR3 at 5:44am and was enroute to the rear gate with the inmate at 5:53am. The scene was secured with CO J. Lewis taking over the crime scene log at 06:04am.

The incident reports, camera footage and other documentation was not complete at this time and will be obtained on Monday. Tpr. Wells made a request for inmate Slagle's medical and mental health file be copied for the coroner. The warden was updated about the scene findings and release of the cell. Tpr. Wells left CCI with the investigation pending further follow up.

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**Note Date & Time:** 8/5/2013 11:00  
**Investigator Unit No:** 0405  
**Officer Name:** Trooper Sherri E Wells

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Tpr. Wells received copies of the mental health and medical files on inmate Slagle and took them to the Coroner's office as requested.

Tpr. Wells received copies of the incident reports from the staff involved in this case. Reports are from the following staff members: Captain Steve Jenkins, Captain Lauri Silvers, Unit officers Clay Putnam and John McCollister, Lt's Brandon Collier, Devin Jackson, Jeremiah Shoemaker, Randolph Hester, Richard Blakeslee, Janet Netter, Acting Major Josh Wells, RN K. Rhoades, CO's Randall Jensen, Kevin Lawhorn, Zach Ward, S. Lemaster, Ronald Doughty, David McCann, Anthony Spaniol, and Jennifer Lewis. In summary, on 8-04-13 at 5:03am the emergency alarm for CO McCollister and CO Putnam was set off in unit DR3. It was reported that while counting CO Putnam found inmate Slagle hanging in his cell #305. Responding personnel assisted the unit officer's in cutting the inmate down, performing CPR, and securing the scene. Staff established a crime scene and started a time line of events. Pickaway Plains Ambulance was called at 5:10am and arrived at 5:23am and took over rescue efforts. CCI was notified that the death was pronounced at 6:11am and the scene was kept secured for Tpr. Wells to process which was done and cleared at 9:03am.

The medical report and incident report from RN K. Rhoades reported that upon arrival CPR was already started by officers on scene with the inmate on the floor. She brought the Ambu bag, AED, and oxygen for inmate Slagle and continued CPR, with the assistance of Lt. Shoemaker doing chest compressions, until Pickaway Plains arrived and transported the inmate to ARMC. It is noted on the medical report that there was no pulse, no respirations, no shock advised by the AED, and there was an ineffective airway clearance. It was also noted there was a purple area around the neck and no other injuries noted.

Tpr. Wells later spoke to Coroner's Investigator Mike Ratliff and he advised the autopsy had been completed and the injuries were consistent with that of a suicide by hanging but no ruling would be made until review of the files, toxicology, and the completed investigation. He advised they would give a press release of this limited information. We discussed the circumstances of a time frame and it was obvious this was less than six hours due to the lack of rigor and lividity, but due to CPR circulating the blood and other factors it medically can not be narrowed down much more than that other than by the investigation. He advised that if there was no pulse it happened more than six minutes before being cut down. He also advised the ligature wound for someone hanging gets deeper the longer the body hangs due to gravity and weight. The wound on Slagle was not deep and considered an abrasion so he was not hanging for a long period of time. He was advised the last time Slagle was seen in bed was at approximately 4:09am and he was found hanging at at 5:03am. It was discussed that this would be as close of a time frame as we could get. We also discussed the last phone calls made by Slagle and he advised that someone serious about suicide will not let anyone know anything about their plans so they can't be stopped, therefore normal conversations are typical.

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**Note Date & Time:** 8/7/2013 12:30  
**Investigator Unit No:** 0405  
**Officer Name:** Trooper Sherri E Wells

Tpr. Wells obtained a statement from CO Clay Putnam about what took place with inmate Slagle. He reported while doing count he at first thought he saw inmate Slagle standing on his bed but then realized he was hanging from a belt. Putnam notified CO McCollister and they traded keys so McCollister could make sure they saw the inmate hanging and they both hit their man down alarms. Per policy they waited for assistance to arrive before entering the cell. CO Putnam cut the inmate down and helped set up for CPR on the floor. He checked for a

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pulse and did not feel one. They performed CPR until he was relieved by another officer. He reported the last time he saw Slagle alive was at the 3am count because he and McCollister had switched duties halfway through the night. He did not see or hear anything abnormal with inmate Slagle during the night. He reported every time he saw Slagle he appeared to be asleep in bed and stated that Slagle did not ask for anything during the night.

Tpr. Wells obtained a statement from CO John McCollister about what took place with inmate Slagle. He reported that he last saw inmate Slagle while making his round a little after 4am that he finished about 4:15am. He reported they started count upstairs at 5am and finished downstairs. CO Putnam counted first and when he got to cell 305 he came back to the sally port and stated he thought the inmate hung himself. They switched keys and McCollister checked and they both hit their man down alarms. They then switched keys back again and McCollister took charge of the main door and cell control box to allow responding officers into the unit. He reported that when he looked into the cell he saw Slagle's head close to the ceiling with something tied around his neck with his head facing downward. He reported that at the beginning of the shift CO Putnam was making rounds so he did not see Slagle. Half way through the shift he began making a few rounds and everything appeared to be fine each time with Slagle either sitting or lying on his bed. He stated he did not talk to Slagle during the night.

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**Note Date & Time:** 8/15/2013 09:00  
**Investigator Unit No:** 0405  
**Officer Name:** Trooper Sherri E Wells

Tpr. Wells received a copy of the Toxicology report from Mike Ratliff. It shows negative results for everything tested except for caffeine.

Case is pending Coroner's finding on the death.

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**Note Date & Time:** 9/19/2013 11:00  
**Investigator Unit No:** 0405  
**Officer Name:** Trooper Sherri E Wells

I received a copy of the death certificate from the Coroner's office for inmate Slagle. Dr. John Gabis reported the cause of death is ruled as Asphyxiation from Ligature Strangulation with approximate interval between onset and death being 1-2 minutes and the manner of death being Suicide.

This case is closed.

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**OTIS Case Tracking Sheet for Central Records**

**COMPLETE**



*5 PAGES*

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Reviewing Officer: 1533 Sergeant Michael V Maughmer

Prior to sending completed cases to GHQ Central Records, the following documents are to be removed from the case envelope at the Post/Section level and destroyed by shredding. Indicate the removal of the documents by checking the appropriate check box.

☒ HP-26 Ohio Uniform Initial Incident Report

☒ HP-24SUS Suspect/Arrest Report

☒ HP-24VEH Vehicle Report

☒ HP-24PRO Property Report

☐ HP-24VRW Victim/Reportee/Witness Report (Note: If the victim signs the HP-24VRW, it is to be included with the case to Central Records. If no signature exists the HP-24VRW can be removed and destroyed locally).

☒ HP-24 Narrative Report. (Note: remove and destroy this report locally only if all of the narrative has been typed into the Ohio Incident Based Reporting System. If the report has not been typed into the Ohio Incident Based Reporting system, include the HP-24 with the case to Central Records).

**VICTIM/WITNESS RESPONSIBILITIES**

Appropriate Victim/Witness Assistance responsibilities have been complied with.

☐ Information is listed on the Assistance Log. ☒ Not Applicable

**Witness Confidentiality**

☐ This case contains information relative to the name or identity of an information source that has been reasonably promised confidentiality pursuant to 149.43 of the Ohio Revised Code.





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Statement Form

REPORT # 13-412011-0900	STATEMENT DATE / TIME (M/DD/YY HHMM) 8-7-13 1230 hrs.	OTHER REFERENCE #:	PAGE 1 OF 2
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I, C/O Clay Putnam hereby make this voluntary statement to  
TPR. S. Wells at CCI - INV.  
on 8-7-13 1230 hrs.

Q. Tell me what you know about Elm Slagle's Suicide?

A. I started out counting DR3 to range while C/O McCollister covered. He did the same. We both made our way down to the bottom range and I started counting from the right side upon reaching (I) Slagle's cell he appeared to be standing on his bed. Upon further observation he appeared to be hanging from a belt. I notified C/O McCollister and we traded off keys to make sure I was really seeing an inmate hanging. He noticed him hanging so we both immediately hit our mandowns & traded off keys again. Per DRC Policy we waited for another person to enter Gator Cell. C/O McCollister is not permitted to take his keys down range. Upon arrival of assistance, I entered cell & cut down (I) Slagle & helped set up for CPR. When cut he fell to bed & was set up on floor to begin CPR. An officer checked for pulse and did not feel one. We performed a continuous rate of CPR.

X   
Signature

Printed Name

Clay Putnam

CCI Employee  
Address

Witness

TPR. S. Wells	405	8-7-13
REPORTING OFFICER	UNIT	DATE



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I, C/O Clay Putnam hereby make this voluntary statement to  
TOR. S. Wells at CCI-INV.  
on 8-7-13 1230 hrs.

until I was relieved by another officer.

Q. When was the last time you saw Elm Slagle Alive?

(A) The last time I saw Elm Slagle alive was at the  
3 AM count. Around 2 AM C/O McCollister and I  
switched off keys so I was the cover officer during  
rounds from about 2 AM to 5 AM. The only time I  
would have been able to see him alive was when I  
went downrange during count.

Q. Did you see or hear Elm Slagle DO Anything  
abnormal throughout the night? (A) No I  
did not.

Q. What was Elm Slagle Doing when you checked  
on him? (A) Every chance I had saw Elm Slagle he  
he had appeared to be sleeping. Lying on his bed.

Q. Did Slagle ask for anything During the night?

(A) No he did not.

X

Signature

Printed Name

Clay Putnam

CCI Employee

Address

Witness

TOR. S. Wells

REPORTING OFFICER

405

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I, C/O John C. McCollister hereby make this voluntary statement to  
TPR. J. Wells at CCI - INV.  
on 8-7-13 1404 hrs.

Q. What do you know about I/m Slagle's suicide?

A. I was assigned 1st officer in Death Row 3. I last saw inmate Slagle while making my round a little after 400am I started the round and finished about 415am. At 500am we started to Count. We started upstairs when we finished there we proceeded downstairs. C/O Putnam counted first. As soon as he started he went to cell 305 which was the first one to the left. C/O Putnam came back to the sully port and stated he thought the inmates was hung himself. At this time I had C/O Putnam come back through and I switched him keys. I then looked in the cell and saw Slagle hanging there. I turned and told Putnam to get his mandarin and I hit mine. I then switched keys back so I could unlock the main door and the cell control box. After I did that everyone came running into the unit. I then opened the sully port to let them in and remained the far door control.

X [Signature]  
Signature  
John McCollister  
Printed Name

CCI Employee  
Address

Witness

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I, C/O John C. McCollister hereby make this voluntary statement to  
TPR. S. Wells at CCI - INV.  
on 8-7-13 1404 hrs.

Q. CAN you Describe what you saw when you looked into Slagle's cell? (A) When I looked into the cell I saw Slagle had close to the ceiling with something tied around his neck with his head facing downward.

Q. Did you see or hear any Abnormal behavior from Slagle throughout the night? (A) At the beginning of the night I did not see Slagle because C/O Putnam was making the rounds. I believe half way through the night I started to make a few of the rounds downrange. When I made rounds everything appeared to be fine. He was either sitting on his bed or lying in it.

Q. Did Slagle ask for anything throughout the night? (A) I never talked to him.

X *John C. McCollister*  
Signature  
John McCollister  
Printed Name

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